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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Hiring Our Heroes Program was launched in March of 2011 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as a year-long, nationwide effort to provide valuable resources and assistance for veterans and military spouses to aid them in their quests to find meaningful employment; and

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WHEREAS, The Hiring Our Heroes Program committed itself to conducting 100 hiring fairs in 100 cities in 2011 to connect military members and spouses with employers; the Hiring our Heroes Program expects to have hundreds more in 2012; and

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WHEREAS, The Hiring Our Heroes Program has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor, the Illinois Comptroller's Office, and the Illinois Department of Employment Security to conduct the "HIRING OUR HEROES" Job Fair which will take place on March 28, 2012 at the Hilton Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, The Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair will assist veterans in securing employment in Illinois while simultaneously educating the potential employers and the public on the importance of hiring America's veterans upon their return home; and

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WHEREAS, The Hiring Our Heroes Program recognizes

1 Illinois' commitment towards reintegrating our military
2 service members back into the workforce after their service to
3 our country; and

4 WHEREAS, The Hiring Our Heroes Program aims to improve
5 public-private sector coordination in local communities to
6 address the issue of military and spouse unemployment; and

7 WHEREAS, The Hiring Our Heroes Program recognizes that
8 military members possess valuable leadership skills that may
9 prove beneficial to private sector employers; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the date of March 28, 2012
13 as "Hiring Our Heroes Day" in the State of Illinois, and
14 encourage the people of the Land of Lincoln to join us in
15 recognizing the valuable service of our military members and
16 commend them for their optimism and perseverance in acquiring
17 meaningful employment.